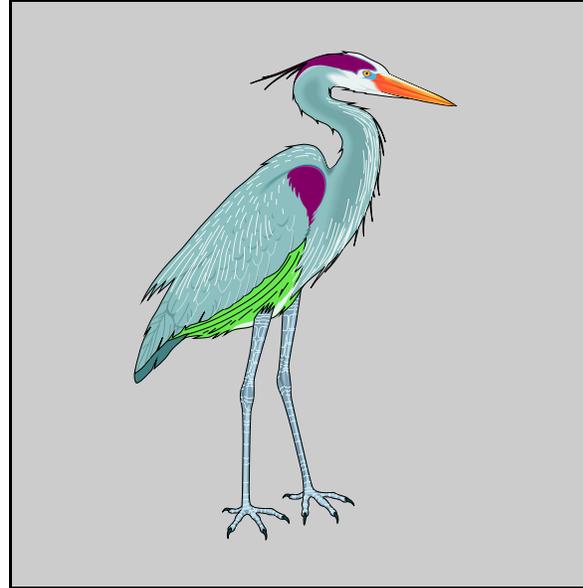


CHAPTER 7

Collaborative Management Strategy and Funding



1. Partnership Management Roles

As outlined on page 3-24, the implementation of this plan is dependent on a collaborative management strategy involving three primary partners: 1) Public Land Managers, 2) Recreation-Tourism Industry, and 3) Local Residents and their Governments. Each of these partners has a role to play in assuring that the management objectives outlined in Chapter 5 are achieved. These roles and responsibilities are listed on pages 3-2, 3-3, and 3-4.

2. Cooperative Management Agreements

There are already several CMA in place that will help facilitate the implementation of this plan. They are as follows:

- A. Recreation Management of the Loma Boat Launch - CMA between BLM and CDOW to share in the management of the Loma Boat Launch site (toilet maintenance costs, signs etc.).
- B. Maintenance and Planning for Grand Valley Mountain Bike Trails - CMA between BLM and COPMOBA to cooperate in the maintenance of existing mountain bike trails and expansion of mountain bike trail systems. Currently six trails in the RCBR planning area have been "adopted" by various bike shops and businesses in Grand Junction and Fruita.
- C. Grand Valley/Rabbit Valley OHV Areas - A CMA between BLM and the Motorcycle Trail Riders Association to coordinate in the organization of volunteer projects, maintaining signs and developing interpretive materials. Most of the work takes place in Rabbit Valley.

D. Management of Significant Paleontological Areas - The purpose of this CMA is for BLM, MWC, and DIS to manage the paleontological resources at the Rabbit Valley Research Natural Area, the Fruita Paleontological Area, and Dinosaur Hill. All of these areas lie within the RCBR planning area.

E. Fruita Paleontologic Area of Critical Environmental Concern - The purpose of this CMA is to recognize the importance of the Fruita Paleontologic site and the need for special management to protect its scientific values. It is a joint agreement between the BLM and the Colorado Natural Areas Program.

Other CMAs may be needed with other agencies and organizations to better facilitate the achievement of benefits as outlined in this plan.

3. Types and Sources of Funding/Revenue

Funding for the implementation of this plan will not rely solely on the BLM budget. BLM funds will be leveraged as much as possible in combination with the following sources:

- Colorado Natural Areas Program (research grants, etc.)
- Greater Outdoors Colorado direct grants
- Colorado State lottery grants
- Partners such as MWC, DIS, municipalities, other agencies, organizations and private landowners